Facilities at Silchar Railway Stations

1405. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Silchar Railway Station is in 'A category as per revenue earning and passenger traffic;

(b) if so, whether it has required facilities *viz.* computerized 24 hours enquiry, sufficient number of computerized booking-cum-reservation counters, *tatkal* booking, toilets, sitting arrangements, refreshment facilities, etc. and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps Government plan to take for providing required facilities and by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The required facilities like Interactive Voice Response System for furnishing information relating to reservation and train running enquiry status during the working hours of Passenger Reservation System, two computerized Passenger Reservation System counters for issuing reserved tickets including *tatkal* reservation, toilet facilities including pay & use toilets arrangements, tea stalls are available at Silchar station.

(c) Provision of more passenger amenities as per norms is a continuous process and therefore, no specific target can be laid down.

Schemes for Tamil Nadu

1406. DR. K MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the pending schemes and new schemes initiated in Tamil Nadu with their outlay and probable time-frame for completion;

(b) whether there is any order of priority of these schemes and they are listed as per priority;

(c) whether in completing the broad gauge conversion in Tamil Nadu, there has been undue delay besides the existence of big regional imbalance; and

(d) whether there would be an all out effort with retrospective effect to complete the broad gauge conversion works?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Pending projects are considered as those projects which have been included in the budget but clearance are awaited. No such project is pending in Tamil Nadu. However, the details of on-going projects alongwith their outlay and target date for completion wherever fixed are given in the Statement *(See* below).

No new rail projects falling fully/partly in the State of Tamil Nadu have been included in the Budget 2005-2006.

(b) No *inter-se* priority of different projects exists. However, Government has recently approved prioritization of new line and gauge conversion projects in following categories:—

(i) Category-l-On-going new lines and gauge conversion projects where progress is more than 60% and throwforward is lees than Rs. 100 crore.

(ii) Category-ll-Viable/operationally required projects.

(iii) Category-Ill-National projects, projects in Assam & North-East Region, cost sharing with State Government, Defence funded projects and projects covered under public private partnership.

(iv) Category-IV-Others on-going projects of new lines and gauge conversion not covered in above categories (I, II & III).

Projects falling fully/partly in the State of Tamil Nadu and appearing in the above list are as under:—

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Category I- (i) Tiruchchirappalli-Nagore-Karaikal gauge conversion

Category IV-
i) Karur-Salem new line
ii) Bangalore-Satyamangalam new line
iii) Quilon-Tirunelveli-Tiruchendur & Tenkasi-Virudhunagar gauge conversion
iv) Tiruchchirappalli-Manamadurai gauge conversion
v) Villupuram-Katpadi gauge conversion
vi) Madurai-Rameshwaram gauge conversion

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The progress of projects has been expedited.

Statement

Details of on-going projects

SI. No.	Name of the project	Outlay 2005-06 (Rs. in crore)	Target date for completion
	NEW LINE		
1.	Bangalore-Satyamangalam	0.01 2	Not fixed.
2.	Karur-Salem		Not fixed.
	GAUGE CONVERSION		
1.	Madurai-Rameshwaram (161 kms)	25	Madurai-Manamadurai (48 kms) has already been commissioned. Manamadurai-Mandapam (96 kms) is targeted for completion during 2005-06.
2.	Trichy-Manamadurai (150 kms)	50	Trichy-Pudukottai (53 kms) is targeted for completion during 2005-06.
3.	Quilon-Tirunelveli-Tiruchendur & Tenkasi-Virudhunagar (357 kms)	31	Virudhunagar-Tenkasi (114 kms) has already been comissioned. Quilon-Punalur (45 kms) falling in Kerala area is targeted for completion during 2005-06.
4.	Tiruchchirappalli-Nagore-Karaikal (156 kms)	4.79	Tiruchchirappalli-Thanjavur (50 kms) has already been commissioned. Thanjavur-Tiruvarur (55 kms) is targeted for completion during 2005-06.
5.	Villupuram-Katpadi (161 kms)	10	Not fixed.
6.	Thanjavur-Villupuram (192 kms)	50.01	Thanjavur-Kumbakonam (39 kms) has already been commissioned. Kumbakonam-Mayiladuturai (32 kms) is targeted for completion during 2005-06.
7.	Cuddalore-Salem *via* Vridhachalam (191 kms)	85	Vridhachalam-Cuddalore (57 kms) has already been

SI. No.	Name of the project	Outlay 2005-06 (Rs. in crore)	Target date for completion
			commissoned. Vridhachalam-Attur (83 kms) is targeted for completion during 2005-06.
8.	Yeshwantpur-Salem	1.45	Not fixed.
	DOUBLING		
1.	Madurai-Dindigui (Excl.) Ambaduturai-Kodaikannal Road (47.49 kms).	15	Not fixed.
2.	Iruguar-Coimbatore (17.70 kms)	1	Coimbatore-Coimbatore North has already been commissioned. Target for balance work not fixed.
3.	Attipattu-Korukkupettai 3rd line (18 kms)	20	Korukupettai-Ennore (12 kms) is targeted for completion during 2005-06.
4.	Pattabiram-Tiruvallur-4th line 15.06 kms) & Tiruvallur Arakkonam-3rd line (26.83 kms)	15.80	Pattabiram-Tiruvallur (15.06 kms) has already been commissioned. Target for work on Tiruvallur-Arakkonam is not fixed.
5.	Chennai Beach-Korukkupet-3rd line (4.1 kms)	10	Not fixed.
6.	Chennai Beach-Attipattu-4th line (22.1 kms)	10	Not fixed.
7.	Ambaduturai-Kodaikannal (14.56 kms)	2.21	Not fixed.
	MTP Plan Head		
1.	Tirumailai-Vellacherry-Ph.ll (11 kms)	3.39	Tirumailai-Tiruvanmiyur one line has already been commissioned. Work on Tiruvanmiyur-Velachery is likely to be completed during 2006-07.
	RAILWAY ELECTRIFICATION		
1	Tambaram-Villupuram and Chengalpattu-Arakkonam (197 RKM)	1	work completed except Takkokam-Arakkonam (7 RKM) to be executed alongwith diversion work.
2.	Villupuram-Pondicherry	1	Work is targeted for completion by December 2005.